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In re Application: Salim G. Kara, Martin J. Pagel
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Art Unit: 2722
Examiner: J. Pokrzywa
For: POSTAGE SERVER SYSTEM AND METHOD

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Dear Sir:

I, Martin J. Pagel, declare that:

1. I am one of the inventors of the invention claimed in the above identified patent application.
2. Prior to August 17, 1997, Mr. Kara and I conceived the idea of a postage server system and method as recited in the pending claims of the above identified patent application. Accordingly, prior to August 17, 1997, Mr. Kara and I disclosed our invention to a patent attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. ("Fulbright") representing E-Stamp Corporation in patent matters.
3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the drawings as they existed prior to August 17, 1997 according to the records of the draftsman engaged by Fulbright. The drawings of Exhibit A, which existed prior to August 17, 1997, are identical to those filed in the above referenced patent application.

4. A draft of the patent application, including drawings prepared by the draftsman engaged by Fulbright, was provided by letter of August 18, 1997, from Fulbright for Mr. Kara's and my review.

5. Mr. Kara and I were asked to review this draft of the patent application and to provide comments or authorize its filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I subsequently gave my authorization to file this draft of the patent application with the United States and Trademark Office. However, I was living in the Seattle, Washington area and working out of the E-Stamp Corporation Palo Alto, California offices and Mr. Kara was then working both in the Toronto, Canada area and out of the E-Stamp Corporation Houston, Texas offices. Accordingly, review of the application and coordination of signing of the formal documents for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office required long distance communication and schedule coordination between myself and Mr. Kara. The patent application was ultimately filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 17, 1997.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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